(b) to (d) The Chairman of Railway Claims Tribunal has *inter-alia* represented that the maximum compensation which was fixed long back for the victims of Railway, accidents and untoward incidents needs to be enhanced having regard to the rupee value now and then.

With effect from 1st November, 1997, the amount of compensation in case of death was increased from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 4 lakhs. Similarly in case of injury, the minimum amount of compensation was increased from Rs. 16 thousand to Rs. 32 thousand and the maximum amount was increased from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 4 lakhs.

Train from Lucknow to Goa

†2100. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that there is no train from Lucknow to Goa for the public of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government would arrange to operate any train from-Lucknow to Goa;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government would consider to extend the train running from Lucknow to Pune upto Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. There is no direct train between Lucknow and Goa.

(b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to operational and resource constraints.

(e) No, Sir.

Encroachment of railway land

2101. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of railway land that has been encroached in Delhi and since when; and

(b) what steps have been taken to clear the encroachments and the reasons for failing to get the encroachments cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Approximately 40 hectares of Railway land in Delhi has been encroached over various years.

(b) Various steps have been taken for removal of encroachments, which also include action under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.